

JANUARY 27, 1807.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

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## A Bill,

Supplementary to an act, intituled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the district of Columbia."

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1 Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*  
2 *the United States of America, in congress assembled, That from and*  
3 *after the passage of this act, the muster of each legion, required to*  
4 *be held by the act to which this is a supplement, in each year, may*  
5 *be held in either the months of October or November, as the com-*  
6 *manding officer of the brigade may appoint.*

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the battalion courts of*  
2 *inquiry, mentioned in the eighth section of said act, shall be held in*  
3 *the months only of July and November, in each year, and the le-*  
4 *gionary courts of inquiry, mentioned in the said section, shall be*  
5 *respectively held in no less than ten, and not more than twenty days*

6 after each battalion court of inquiry: *Provided, however,* That the  
7 commanding officer of each legion shall be, and is hereby empower-  
8 ed to appoint and convene, at such time or times as he may deem  
9 requisite, legionary courts extraordinary, to be constituted in the  
10 same manner as the legionary courts of inquiry before mentioned,  
11 and to exercise all or any of the powers, and perform all or any of  
12 the duties, which are or may be by law vested in or prescribed to  
13 the legionary courts of inquiry, except the power of assessing fines  
14 incurred by the officers of the legion for any delinquency or neglect  
15 of duty, other than failing to attend such legionary courts extraor-  
16 dinary.

1     Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all fines assessed and  
2 not yet collected, or to be assessed under the authority of the act  
3 last aforesaid, shall be certified by the clerk of the legionary and  
4 battalion courts of inquiry, by which the same shall be, or have  
5 been assessed, to the marshal of the district of Columbia, and for  
6 such as may hereafter be assessed, lists so certified shall be deliver-  
7 ed to the marshal within fifteen days after the sitting of the court,  
8 empowered finally to determine, and he shall give a receipt there-  
9 for. The said marshal shall forthwith proceed to collect the said  
10 fines, (and should any person fail to make payment when called on)  
11 to levy the amount with costs, by distress and sale of the goods  
12 and chattels of the delinquent, which costs and manner of proceed-  
13 ing shall be the same as in other cases of distresses. And where  
14 there are no goods or chattels to be found, whereof to levy the said  
15 fines, the marshal of the district shall commit such delinquent to

16 jail, and hold him in close confinement during the term of twenty-  
 17 four hours, for each and every fine by him payable, (unless the  
 18 same shall be sooner paid) in the same manner as other persons  
 19 condemned to fine and imprisonment at the suit of the United States,  
 20 may be committed; and the marshal shall account for all the fines,  
 21 and pay such as have been by him levied, to the paymaster of the  
 22 legion, from which he shall have received the certified lists, with-  
 23 in six months after said lists have been delivered to him respective-  
 24 ly, deducting from the amount so to be paid, twelve and a half per  
 25 centum, as a compensation for his trouble; and in case of failure,  
 26 the same shall be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint or informa-  
 27 tion, in the circuit court for the district of Columbia, in either coun-  
 28 ty of said district, to be sued for, prosecuted and recovered, in the  
 29 name of the paymaster of the legion from which the same had been  
 30 certified, with interest and costs.

1    Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the eleventh  
 2 section of the act, to which this is a supplement, as requires that  
 3 there shall be a muster of each troop of cavalry and company of mi-  
 4 litia, comprehending the companies made up by voluntary enrol-  
 5 ment, in the months of July, August and November, and all the  
 6 twenty-second section of the said act, be, and the same are hereby  
 7 repealed.

1    Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the secretary of war shall  
 2 cause a sufficient number of copies of this act to be printed and dis-  
 3 tributed throughout the territory of Columbia, so that every com-  
 4 missioned officer therein be furnished with one copy each.